

REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 3, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Claims 2, 17 and 29 have been cancelled. Claim 32 has been added. Pending claims 1, 3-16, 18-28 and 30-32 are in condition for allowance.

Allowed Claims

Claims 25-31 stand allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15, 19-21, 23 and 24 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

Claims 2 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, "said pivot joint comprises a universal joint" for the support plate and suction nozzle was deemed unclear and not disclosed in the specification. Applicants agree and have cancelled claims 2, 17 and 29. New claim 32 has been added which calls for the support plate to be pivotally connected to the housing. The Examiner agreed that the universal joint is located between the housing and the support plate.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1, 3, 7, 10, 12, 13, 16, 18 and 22 were rejected on the grounds of double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 10, 21, 33 and 34 of U.S. Patent No. 7,048,804. Applicants hereby file a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the provisional double patenting rejection with respect to Patent No. 7,048,804.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is respectfully submitted all pending claims remaining in the application (Claims 1, 3-16, 18-28 and 30-32) are now in condition for allowance.

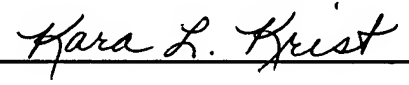
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